

kinds of clashes before, and we have prevailed. We have prevailed because we're right. We have prevailed because we adhere to a hopeful philosophy, and we have prevailed because we would not falter.

Go ahead and ask——

### **Human Rights in Colombia**

**Q.** Also the question is for President Bush. Did you talk about the necessity and the importance of the creation of international community that can verify the application of the justice and peace law and also its implementation?

**President Bush.** We did talk about human rights. I talked about human rights. The Secretary of State Arroz—[laughter]—talked about human rights. The President assured us—a couple of points that are important to understand—one, that there is an independent judiciary, in other words, independent from Government, that will adjudicate these disputes; secondly, that there is a new prosecutor reporting to the independent judiciary that will follow through on the cases; and, thirdly, that he is committed to seeing to it as best as possible that progress be made on these cases.

And we talked about specific cases. And I listened intently and believe that he is interested in following through on these cases, so that the world will hear loud and clear that Colombia is a nation of law and human rights and human dignity.

[President Uribe answered the question in Spanish, and no translation was provided.]

**President Bush.** *Yo le comprendo. Vamos a comer.* [Laughter] I told him I understood him. We're going to go eat. Thank you very much. Appreciate you. *Gracias.*

**Q.** What's on the menu? What's on the menu?

**President Bush.** *Carne.*

**Q.** *Carne.*

**President Bush.** *Necesito preguntar a mi esposa.* I've been thinking about business. She's been thinking about the food.

NOTE: The President's news conference began at 11:47 a.m. at the Bush Ranch. In his remarks, he referred to National Aeronautics and Space Administration Administrator Sean O'Keefe; Ayman Al-Zawahiri, founder of the Egyptian Is-

lamic Jihad and senior Al Qaida associate; senior Al Qaida associate Abu Musab Al Zargawi; and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. President Uribe referred to Ambassador Luis Alberto Moreno Mejia of Colombia, President-elect, Inter-American Development Bank. President Uribe spoke in Spanish, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter, except where noted above.

### **Memorandum on Assignment of Reporting Function**

August 5, 2005

*Memorandum for the Secretary of Commerce*

*Subject:* Assignment of Reporting Function

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the functions of the President under section 316 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1451, *et seq.*).

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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NOTE: This memorandum will be published in the *Federal Register* on August 9.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **July 30**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, where he had his annual physical examination and visited injured U.S. military personnel.